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Minutes, Mar. 2004

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes for March 1, 2004

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Ted Packard, Stephan Miller, Ron Sender, Scott Smith and Christopher Tonkin. Others present were Joey Glushko, Mat Mendel, Bobby Mac, Ann LeRoyer, Elizabeth Carr-Jones, Doug Greenfield and Joe Snodgrass. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Introductions were made. Ann LeRoyer from the Open Space Committee asked about the plans for Lowell St. Joey told her that the plans are in flux.

*The February minutes were accepted with one amendment.

Winter social. The feedback about the Winter Social was mostly positive. We discussed what we could do for entertainment next year. Scott thought we might have slides of his upcoming trip to New Zealand. In any case, we will plan to have a social again next winter.

Ryder St./Bikeway intersection. There is a current plan to put bollards on the bike path at this crossing. Scott suggested putting break away bollards on Ryder St. instead. Ann added that improved signage is also necessary. All of us questioned the necessity for having the bollards on the bike path because there are many other alternatives. We also recommend that the Police enforce parking regulations in the area.

Arlington Friends of the Bikeway Group. Joey told us that there is much to be done to keep the Bikeway looking spruced-up. Ann suggested a regional approach, i.e. subgroups to maintain smaller sections of the path. Ron suggested that he will contact the Lexington Friends and get some information on their organization. Volunteers for this project were Stephan, Christopher, and Ron. Stephan will set up a meeting.

Arlington Alternative Transportation Fair (Sunday May 16). Scott presented us with a preliminary schedule for the Fair plus a possible route for the tour which included a timeline for preparations. Funding is not absolutely secure at this time but we have a number of alternatives.

Ted suggested that we send flyers home with school children. Ted and Christopher will be planning the bike rodeo. Joe suggested that we find entertainment and he suggested The Drum Connection. We all approved of that suggestion. Joe will contact them.

Bike Arlington Tour. The Arlington Police have been asked to accompany us on this tour. Considering the possible routes, the Police will be necessary. Joe suggested starting somewhere other than The Recreation Center to save on parking spaces. We would like to end at or near the Rec. Center. Scott presented us with a map of a possible route mostly in East Arlington. We thought of splitting the group and having rides of two different lengths. We decided to do a dry run of some of the routes. Jack, Ron, Christopher, Doug, Scott and Stephan volunteered to decide on the route.

Upcoming events:

National Bike Summit. Jack will be presenting a talk on local bicycle advocacy.

Joe Breeze will give a presentation at Quad Cycles on March 12.

Boston Bicycle show will be held on the second weekend in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.